

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 16 public bills, H.R. 1364–1379; and 3 resolutions, H. Res. 202, 204–205 were introduced. **Pages H2326–28**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H2328**

Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 203, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 910) to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–54). **Page H2326**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Yoder to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2295**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:50 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H2300**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Rabbi Efreim Goldberg, Boca Raton Synagogue, Boca Raton, Florida. **Page H2300**

Journal: The House agreed to the Speaker's approval of the Journal by a recorded vote of 310 ayes to 104 noes with 1 voting "present", Roll No. 228. **Pages H2313–14**

Disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to the rule that is providing for consideration of H.J. Res. 37, disapproving the rule submitted by the Federal Communications Commission with respect to regulating the Internet and broadband industry practices, by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 178 nays, Roll No. 227, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 241 yeas to 175 nays, Roll No. 226. **Pages H2303–13**

Moment of Silence: The House observed a moment of silence in honor of the men and women in uniform who have given their lives in the service of our nation in Iraq and Afghanistan, their families, and all who serve in the armed forces and their families. **Page H2312**

Committee Resignations: Read a letter from Representative Reed, wherein he notified the House that he was resigning from the Committee on the Judici-

ary and taking a leave of absence from the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. **Page H2314**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 202, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H2314**

Recess: The House recessed at 4:05 p.m. and reconvened at 5:31 p.m. **Page H2325**

Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H2323.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2312, H2312–13 and H2313–14. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Agriculture—FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Harris Sherman, Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, SCIENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Legal Services Corporation—FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony was heard from the following Legal Services Corporation officials: James J. Sandman, President; and Robert J. Grey Jr., Member of the Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL SERVICES AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a hearing on General Services Administration, FY 2012 Budget. Testimony was heard from Martha N. Johnson, Administrator, GSA.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Office of the United States Trade Representative—FY 2012 Budget Request. Testimony

was heard from Ambassador Ron Kirk, United States Trade Representative.

HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on WMD Countermeasures—Threat, Programs, and Funding. Testimony was heard from Alexander Garza, Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs and Chief Medical Officer; and Warren Stern, Director, Domestic Nuclear Detection Office. This was a classified and closed hearing.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on United States Court of Appeal for Veterans Claims. Testimony was heard from Bruce Kasold, Chief Judge.

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Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Armed Forces Retirement Home. Testimony was heard from Steve McManus, Acting Chief Operating Officer.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget request for Department of Energy atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear forces programs. Testimony was heard from Thomas P. D'Agostino, Administrator, National Nuclear Security Administration, Department of Energy; Inés R. Triay, Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management, Department of Energy; Peter S. Winokur, Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board; Major General William A. Chambers, USAF, Assistant Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration; Department of Defense; Rear Admiral Terry Benedict, USN, Director, Strategic Systems Programs; and Andrew C. Weber, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear, Chemical and Biological Defense Programs, Office of the Secretary of Defense.

FY 2012 BUDGET—NATIONAL DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing on fiscal year 2012 national defense authorization budget requests from the U.S. Transportation Command and U.S. Africa Command. Testimony was heard from General Duncan J. McNabb, USAF, Commander, U.S. Transportation Command; and

General Carter F. Ham, USA, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Full Committee held a markup on the following: H.R. 1343, to Clarify NTIA and RUS Authority to Return Reclaimed Stimulus Funds to the U.S. Treasury; H.R. 1217, to repeal the Prevention and Public Health Fund, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health; H.R. 1216, to amend the Public Health Service Act to convert funding for graduate medical education in qualified teaching health centers from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health; H.R. 1215, to amend title V of the Social Security Act to convert funding for personal responsibility education programs from direct appropriations to an authorization of appropriations, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health; H.R. 1214, to repeal mandatory funding for school-based health center construction, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health; and H.R. 1213, to repeal mandatory funding provided to States in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to establish American Health Benefit Exchanges, as reported by the Subcommittee on Health. All bills were ordered reported without amendment. H.R. 1343 was ordered reported with amendment. The following were ordered reported without amendment: H.R. 1213; H.R. 1214; H.R. 1216; and H.R. 1217.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises, markup on the following: H.R. 31, the Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac Accountability and Transparency for Taxpayers Act; H.R. 1221, the Equity in Government Compensation Act of 2011; H.R. 1222, the GSE Subsidy Elimination Act of 2011; H.R. 1223, GSE Credit Risk Equitable Treatment Act of 2011; H.R. 1224, the Portfolio Risk Reduction Act of 2011; H.R. 1225, the GSE Debt Issuance Approval Act of 2011; H.R. 1226, the GSE Mission Improvement Act of 2011; and H.R. 1227, the GSE Risk and Activities Limitation Act of 2011. This markup was continued to April 6, time and room TBA.

NEED FOR SYSTEMIC REFORMS AND INDEPENDENCE OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Watching the Watchers: The Need for Systemic Reforms and Independence of the State Department Inspector General. Testimony was heard from Jeanette M. Franzel, Managing Director, Financial Management and Assurance Team, GAO; and

Harold W. Geisel, Deputy Inspector General, Department of State.

FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITIES AND NEEDS AMIDST ECONOMIC CHALLENGES IN SOUTH ASIA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia held a hearing on Assessing U.S. Foreign Policy Priorities and Needs Amidst Economic Challenges in South Asia. Testimony was heard from Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs, Department of State; Nisha Desai Biswal, Assistant Administrator for Asia, Agency for International Development; Daniel Feldman, Deputy Special Representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, Department of State; and Donald Sampler, Deputy Director, Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs, Agency for International Development.

BORDER SECURITY AT PORTS OF ENTRY

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Border and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “Using Resources Effectively to Secure Our Border at Ports of Entry—Stopping the Illicit Flow of Money, Guns and Drugs”. Testimony was heard from Thomas Winkowski, Assistant Commissioner, Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security.

USING MILITARY COMMISSIONS TO TRY THE 9/11 CONSPIRATORS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism and Homeland Security held a hearing entitled “Justice for America: Using Military Commissions to Try the 9/11 Conspirators”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

SAFE FOR AMERICA ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration Policy and Enforcement held a hearing on H.R. 704, SAFE for America Act. Testimony was heard from Rep. Goodlatte; and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT EFFECT ON PRIVATE SECTOR JOB CREATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Effect of the President’s FY–2012 Budget and Legislative Proposals for the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service’s Energy and Minerals Programs on Private Sector Job Creation, Domestic Energy and Minerals Production and Deficit Reduction.” Testimony was heard from Bob Abbey, Director, Bureau of Land Management; Tony Ferguson, Director, Minerals and

Geology Management, USDA Forest Service; and public witnesses.

INDIAN LAND FRACTIONATION

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 887, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to submit a report on Indian land fractionation, and for other purposes. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CREATING ABUNDANT WATER AND POWER SUPPLIES AND JOB GROWTH

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on “Creating Abundant Water and Power Supplies and Job Growth by Restoring Common Sense to Federal Regulations.” Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

POSTAL WORKFORCE COSTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Are Postal Workforce Costs Sustainable?” Testimony was heard from the following United States Postal Service officials: Louis J. Giuliano, Chairman, Board of Governors; James C. Miller III, Governor; and Patrick Donahoe, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer.

WASTE, ABUSE AND MISMANAGEMENT IN GOVERNMENT HEALTH CARE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Health Care, DC, Census and the National Archives held a hearing entitled “Waste, Abuse and Mismanagement in Government Health Care”. Testimony was heard from Deborah Taylor, Chief Financial Officer, and Director of the Office of Financial Management, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Peter Budetti, M.D., Deputy Administrator for Program Integrity, and Director of the CMS Center for Program Integrity, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services; Gerald Roy, Deputy Inspector General for Investigations, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services; Loretta Lynch, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York; and public witnesses.

ENERGY TAX PREVENTION ACT OF 2011

Committee on Rules: The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8 to 3, a structured rule providing for consideration of H.R. 910, to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency from promulgating any regulation concerning, taking action relating to, or taking into consideration the emission of a greenhouse gas to address climate change, and for other

purposes. The rule provides for one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. The rule provides that each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Upton; Rep. Waxman; Michael Doyle; Rep. Jackson Lee of Texas; Rep. Crowley; Rep. Welch; Rep. Connolly; and Rep. Garamendi.

POLICY PROPOSALS FROM MEMBERS OF CONGRESS TO REFORM THE NATION'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAMS

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Highways and Transit held a hearing on Policy Proposals from Members of Congress to Reform the Nation's Surface Transportation Programs. Testimony was heard from Members of the 112th Congress.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS CONSTRUCTION PLANNING

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing on Deconstructing the Department of Veterans Affairs Construction Planning. Testimony was heard from W. Scott Gould, Deputy Secretary Veterans Affairs, Department of Veterans Affairs; Lorelei St. James, Acting Director, Physical Infrastructure Team; GAO; Robert L. Neary, Jr., Acting Director of the Office of Construction and Facilities Management, Department of Veterans' Affairs; and public witnesses.

DUPLICATE OF GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS: FOCUS ON WELFARE

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Human Resources held a hearing on duplication in welfare and related programs under the Subcommittee's jurisdiction. Testimony was heard from Kay E. Brown, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security, GAO; and public witnesses.

FY 2012 BUDGET—CIA

House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Full Committee held a hearing on Central Intelligence Agency Program FY 2012 Budget Overview. This was a CLOSED hearing. Testimony was heard from departmental officials.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 2011

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: organizational business meeting to consider subcommittee membership, Time to be announced, Room to be announced.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine Department of Defense Health Programs, 10 a.m., SD-192.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to hold hearings to examine strategic systems in review of the Defense Authorization request for fiscal year 2012 and the Future Years Defense Program; with the possibility of a closed session in SVC-217 following the open session, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Securities, Insurance and Investment, to hold hearings to examine the role of the accounting profession in preventing another financial crisis, 9:30 a.m., SD-538.

Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Protection, to hold hearings to examine the state of community banking, focusing on opportunities and challenges, 3 p.m., SD-538.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: To hold hearings to examine state and local perspectives on transportation, 9:15 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: To hold hearings to examine perspectives on the crisis in Libya, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of David Bruce Shear, of New York, to be Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and